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WHEN GODS WALK THE EARTH!

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FINAL FURY AS TITANS CLASH!

THIS ISSUE! IKARUS ALONE! AGAINST THE COSMIC-POWERED HULK!

RAGING BATTLE TURNS AN ENTIRE CITY INTO A

DISASTER AREA!

Strange events have exposed a startling fact, kept alive through the centuries only by myth and superstition—man is not alone on the evolutionary chain!! He has shared the planet with two species unknown to him! Now, in a sudden burst of violence, the Deviants have risen from their domain beneath the sea to challenge all humanity!! But mankind has unexpected allies—

Stan Lee PRESENTS: THE ETERNALS!™

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IKARIS, THE ETERNAL, AND HIS FRIENDS HAVE **STUMBLED** INTO A FANTASTIC SITUATION, SPUN BY THE VAGARIES OF FATE! A THING WITHOUT LIFE HAS SUDDENLY **ACQUIRED** IT! BUT, IT IS A THING IN THE IMAGE OF A MOST **DESTRUCTIVE** PERSONALITY!

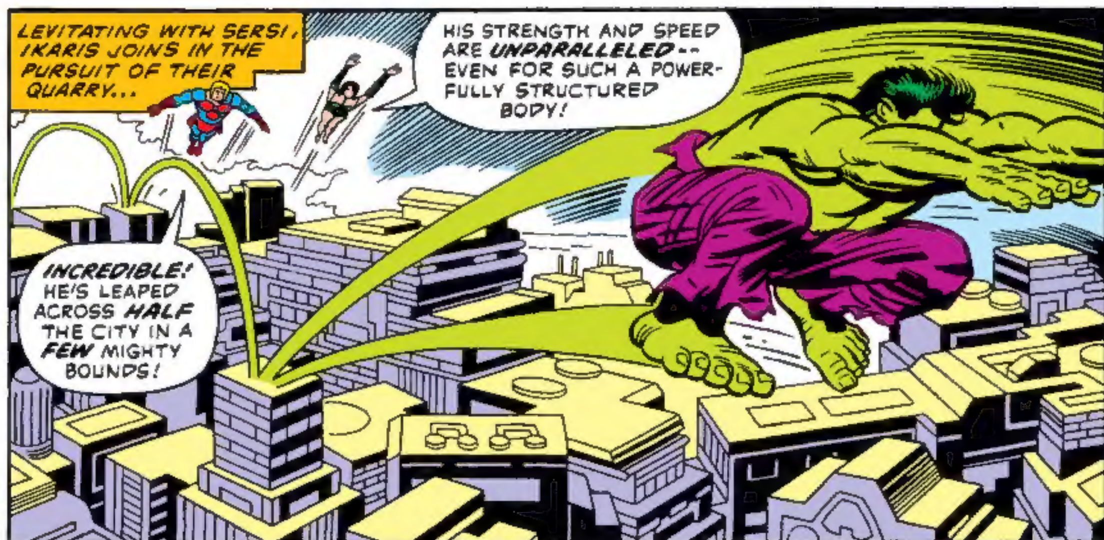
HE'S ***LEAPED*** OUT OF RANGE! THIS ***MUSCLE-BOUND*** MAMMOTH IS CAPABLE OF ***AMAZING*** COUNTER-MOVES!

GET OUT OF HIS WAY, ***SERSI--!*** YOU HAVE A LOVELY ***NECK,*** BUT IT CAN EASILY BE ***SNAPPED!***

NEVER BY MAN OR CREATURE BORN OF ***COSMIC BACKLASH!***

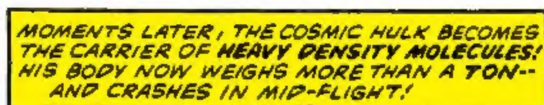
WE MUST FOLLOW HIM AND ***QUELL*** THIS WILD RAMPAGE!

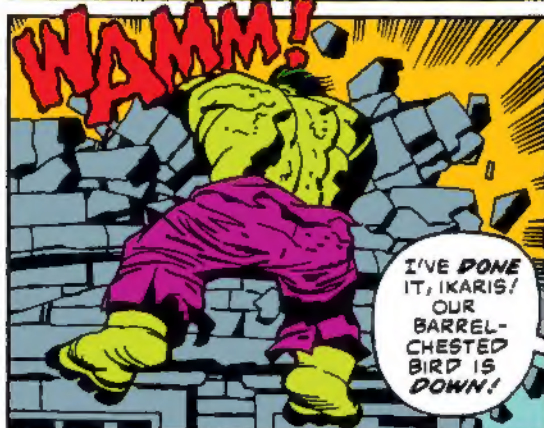
ZZZZZTT!!


LEVITATING WITH SERSI, IKARIS JOINS IN THE PURSUIT OF THEIR QUARRY...
HIS STRENGTH AND SPEED ARE UNPARALLELED-- EVEN FOR SUCH A POWER-FULLY STRUCTURED BODY!
INCREDIBLE! HE'S LEAPED ACROSS HALF THE CITY IN A FEW MIGHTY BOUNDS!

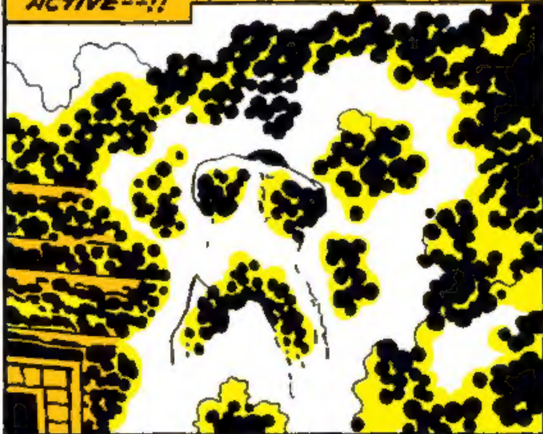

THERE'S NO TELLING HOW MUCH COSMIC POWER HE'S ABSORBED! WE MAY YET BE WITNESS TO WONDERS BEYOND THIS!
OR DESTRUCTION BEYOND MEASURE!


SERSI'S ARM SUDDENLY FLASHES FORWARD... A WEAPON OF GRACE AND POWER, COMMON TO ALL FEMALE ETERNALS...
HE IS STILL MADE OF THE ELEMENTS OF MATTER! I CAN STRIKE AT HIS MOLECULAR PATTERN!
TZIIKK!


MOMENTS LATER, THE COSMIC HULK BECOMES THE CARRIER OF HEAVY DENSITY MOLECULES! HIS BODY NOW WEIGHS MORE THAN A TON-- AND CRASHES IN MID-FLIGHT!


WAMM!
I'VE DONE IT, IKARIS! OUR BARREL-CHESTED BIRD IS DOWN!

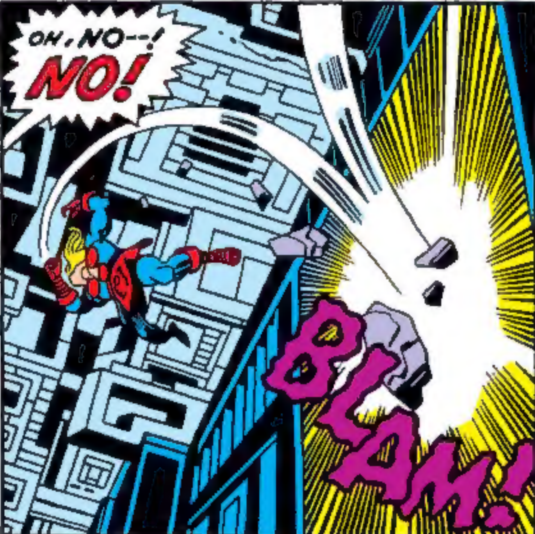

BY ZURAS--HE'S TURNING TO STONE! IN A MOMENT HE'LL BE NOTHING MORE THAN A GARGOYLE, FIT ONLY TO MOUNT ON SOME PROMINENT EDIFICE!
WE'VE WON, IKARIS!
THE DANGER HAS PASSED!


BUT SOMEWHERE DEEP WITHIN THE MYSTERIOUS CAULDRON OF THE CREATURE'S BODY THERE IS A SUDDEN VIOLENT ERUPTION OF COSMIC ENERGY! IT SWEEPS OUTWARD... BLAZING... ACTIVE--!!


IT ENVELOPES ITS HOST IN A CLOUD OF WHITE FIRE! THE STONE EYES BEGIN TO GLOW! THE JAGGED LIPS DRAW BACK IN ONE FIERCE MOTION! THE PSEUDO-HULK IS ALIVE!!
RRRRRRR


THEN...
H-HE'S BEEN REVITALIZED! WE'RE FIGHTING A COSMIC GENERATOR!
WE'VE GOT TO STOP IT!
STAY BACK, SERSI!


IKARIS HURLS HIMSELF AT THE HULK--AND IS MET BY A HUGE POWER-DRIVEN FIST!
KRAKK!!


OH, NO--! NO!
BLAM!

BEFORE SERSI CAN RUSH TO THE AID OF IKARIS, SHE IS ROUGHLY **SEIZED** BY THE POWERFUL HULK!

GREAT ZURAS! THIS MACHO MURDER MACHINE THINKS I'M SOME SORT OF **P-PLAYTHING!**

HIS GRIP IS **UNBREAKABLE!** AND HE LIKES TO **TRAVEL!!**

THE NIGHT SEEMS TO BE FILLED WITH TRAVELERS! -- THOSE WHO **FLEE** THE SCENE OF HOLOCAUST -- AND THE **OTHERS,** WHO ARE **DRAWN** TO IT...

B-BUT WHAT CAN WE DO WHEN WE **REACH** THAT **THING,** MAKARRI!?

THOUGH WE BE **SORELY** TRIED, WE SHALL **CONTINUE** TO HELP IN THIS FIGHT!

HUH! THAT'S EASY FOR **YOU** TO SAY! ETERNALS **CAN'T** BE KILLED--!

PLEASE, PROFESSOR HOLDEN... WE **MUSTN'T** THINK OF OUR OWN SAFETY!

SORRY, MARGO... I-I **DIDN'T** MEAN TO SOUND LIKE A MOUSE, BUT THIS IS **NO** ORDINARY STREET BRAWL!

LIFE IS **NOT** EDEN, PROFESSOR! THE SUN **DOES** GO DOWN --AND DARKNESS HAS ITS **HAZARDS!**

WE'RE FACING SOMETHING **FEARSOME!**

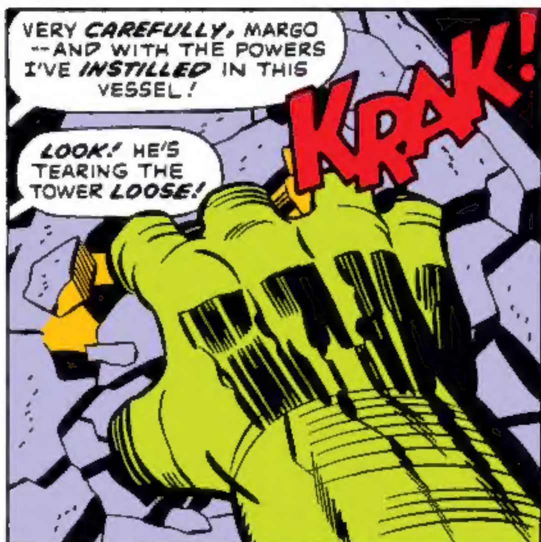
A-AND THE NEED FOR **UNITY!**

AT THAT VERY MOMENT...

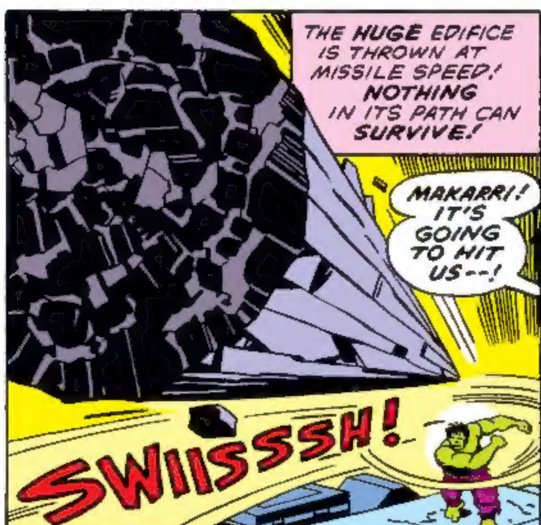
RELEASE ME, YOU BRUTAL ZOMBIE! MY BONES **CAN'T** TAKE THIS PRESSURE!

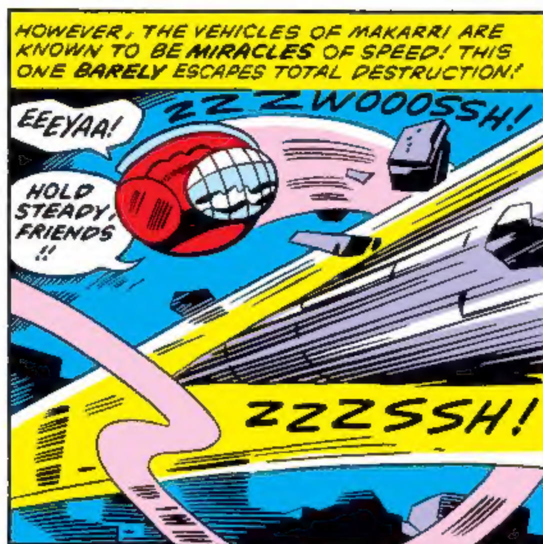
THERE'S OUR QUARRY! **H-HE'S GOT SERSI!**

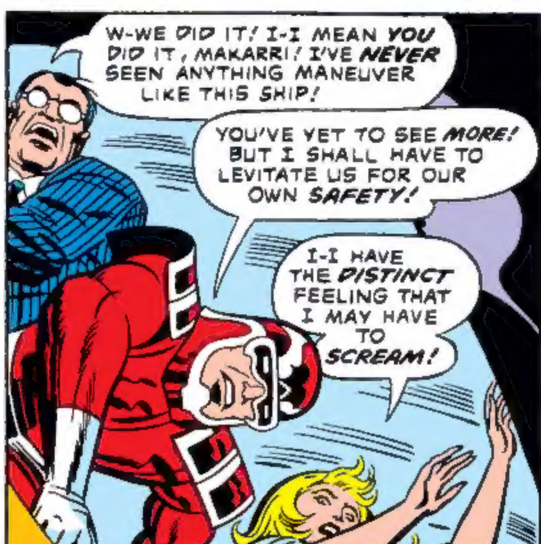

HE'S TAKEN HER TO THE TOWER OF THAT TALL BUILDING!
MY GOD! H-HE'S GOING TO DO THE KING KONG BIT! H-HOW WILL WE DEAL WITH THIS!?


VERY CAREFULLY, MARGO --AND WITH THE POWERS I'VE INSTILLED IN THIS VESSEL!
KRAK!
LOOK! HE'S TEARING THE TOWER LOOSE!


WITH FRIGHTENING EASE THE POWERFUL CREATURE RAISES THE MASSIVE TOWER ABOVE HIS HEAD!
T-THAT'S MAKARRI'S CRAFT!
HE'S GOING TO SMASH IT! A-AND I'M TOO WEAK TO STOP HIM!


THE HUGE EDIFICE IS THROWN AT MISSILE SPEED! NOTHING IN ITS PATH CAN SURVIVE!
MAKARRI! IT'S GOING TO HIT US--!
SWIISSSH!


HOWEVER, THE VEHICLES OF MAKARRI ARE KNOWN TO BE MIRACLES OF SPEED! THIS ONE BARELY ESCAPES TOTAL DESTRUCTION!
EEEYAA!
ZZZWOOOSSH!
HOLD STEADY, FRIENDS !!
ZZZSSH!


W-WE DID IT! I-I MEAN YOU DID IT, MAKARRI! I'VE NEVER SEEN ANYTHING MANEUVER LIKE THIS SHIP!
YOU'VE YET TO SEE MORE! BUT I SHALL HAVE TO LEVITATE US FOR OUR OWN SAFETY!
I-I HAVE THE DISTINCT FEELING THAT I MAY HAVE TO SCREAM!

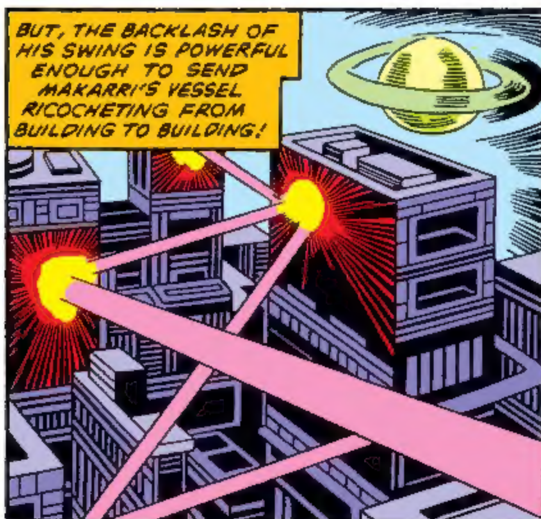

THE FOLLOWING MOMENT, MAKARRI'S SHIP JOLTS FORWARD AT TERRIFYING SPEED! IT CREATES A SHOCK-WAVE WHICH FLINGS THE HULK FROM HIS PERCH!
BOOOOM!!!


RUMBLING ECHOES SHAKE THE CITY IN THE WAKE OF THE FLASHING VESSEL! BUT, THE POWERFUL CREATURE SURVIVES... WHEN MORTALS WOULD HAVE PERISHED!
BLAST THE ABOMINATION!
WE DID NO MORE THAN TOPPLE HIM TO HIS KNEES!
BRACE YOURSELVES, FRIENDS!
WE MUST TRY AGAIN!


AN ENERGY SURGE BLAZES LIKE A BRIGHT ANGRY FLAME IN THE EYES OF THE COSMIC PUPPET!
HE RISES TO FACE HIS ATTACK-ERS!
I'M INCREASING SPEED, NOW! PREPARE FOR A SUDDEN SHIFT TO MAXIMUM!

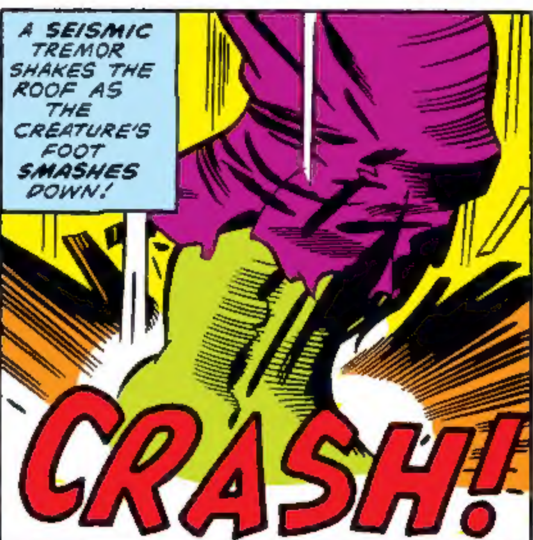

THEN HE LEAPS DIRECTLY INTO THE PATH OF MAKARRI'S SHIP! COLLISION SEEMS INEVITABLE--!


EAGER TO DESTROY HIS PREY, THE HULK STRIKES TOO SOON! HIS MIGHTY BLOW FALLS SHORT OF ITS MARK!
WHOOSH!

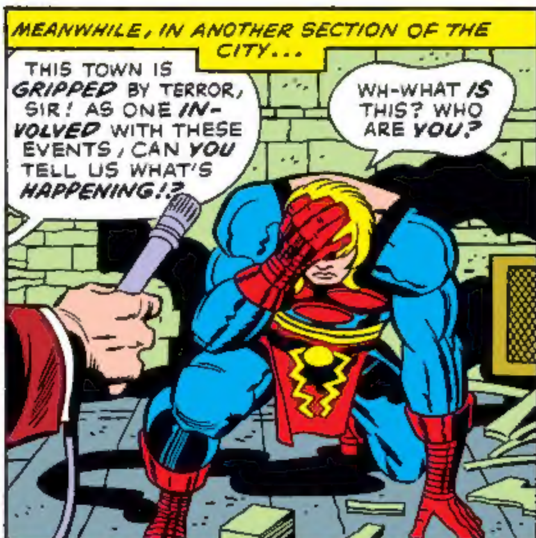

BUT, THE BACKLASH OF HIS SWING IS POWERFUL ENOUGH TO SEND MAKARRI'S VESSEL RICOCHETING FROM BUILDING TO BUILDING!


SUDDENLY...
THERE HE IS! SHOOT TO KILL!!
BAM!
BAM! BAM!


THESE RIFLES CAN MAKE SWISS CHEESE OUT OF A TANK! YET WE CAN'T PUT A DENT IN THIS DINOSAUR!
YOU HOPE!
KEEP MOVING AND KEEP FIRING! WE CAN'T TAKE HIM--SO WE'VE GOT TO SNUFF HIM!!

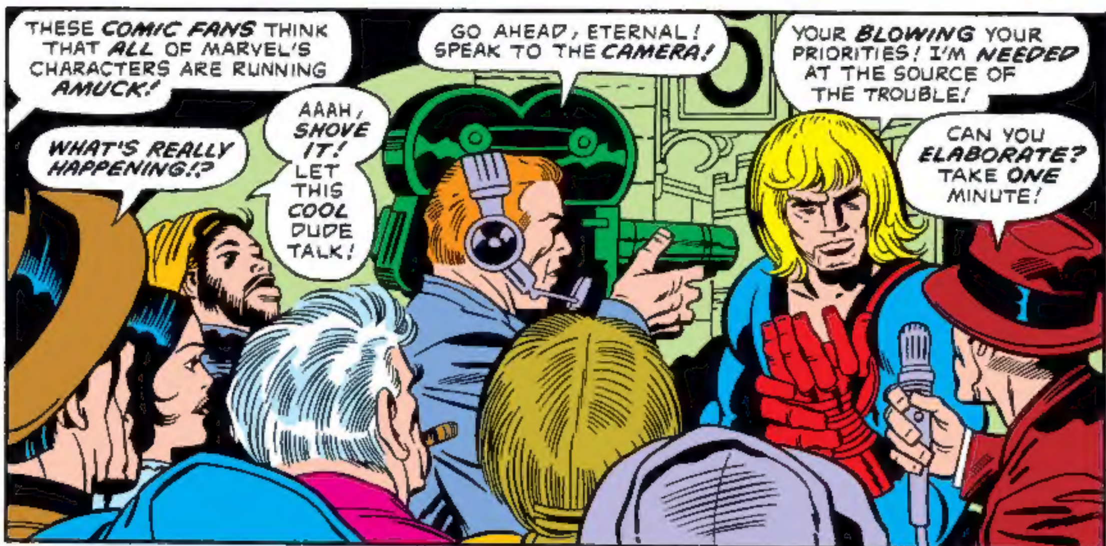

A SEISMIC TREMOR SHAKES THE ROOF AS THE CREATURE'S FOOT SMASHES DOWN!
CRASH!

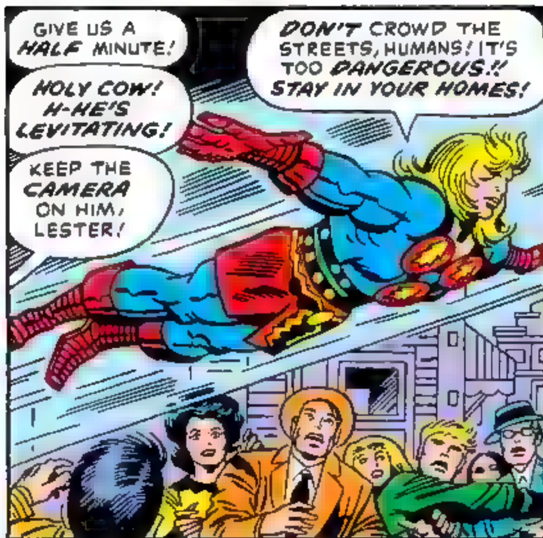

HE'S CAVED THE ROOF IN! GRAB AT ANYTHING STABLE!
I-I CAN'T! I'M SLIPPING! CAN'T HOLD ON--!

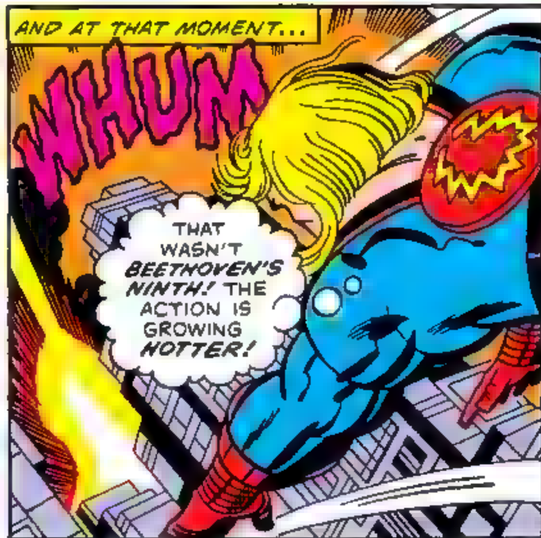

MEANWHILE, IN ANOTHER SECTION OF THE CITY...
THIS TOWN IS GRIPPED BY TERROR, SIR! AS ONE INVOLVED WITH THESE EVENTS, CAN YOU TELL US WHAT'S HAPPENING!?
WH-WHAT IS THIS? WHO ARE YOU?

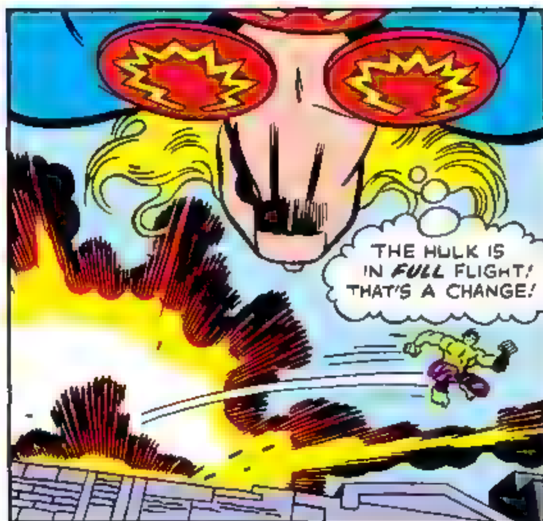

WHY, I'M WALTER REASONER OF G.B.C., OF COURSE! AND YOU'RE AN ETERNAL, AREN'T YOU?
IS IT--OR IS IT NOT THE HULK THEY'RE SHOOTING AT UP THERE!?
I DON'T KNOW WHAT HE IS, MISTER! BUT I DO KNOW THAT HE PACKS A NUCLEAR PUNCH!

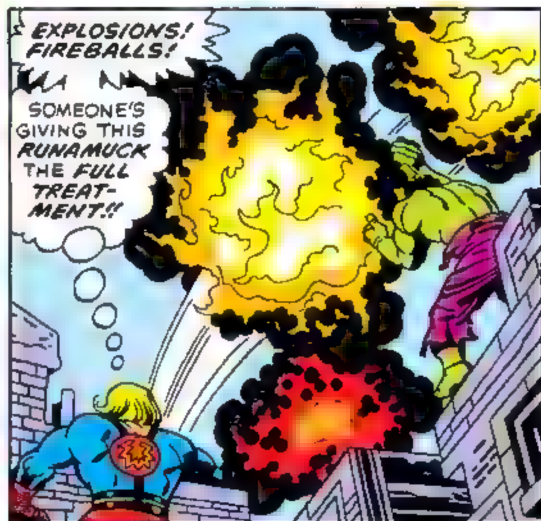

HEY, MISTER REASONER! ASK HIM IF DOCTOR DOOM AN' THOR ARE FIGHTING TOO!
A FAIR QUESTION, SIR.
YEAH! IS IT TRUE THAT THE INHUMANS ARE COMING?


THESE COMIC FANS THINK THAT ALL OF MARVEL'S CHARACTERS ARE RUNNING AMUCK!
WHAT'S REALLY HAPPENING!?
AAAH, SHOVE IT! LET THIS COOL DUDE TALK!
GO AHEAD, ETERNAL! SPEAK TO THE CAMERA!
YOUR BLOWING YOUR PRIORITIES! I'M NEEDED AT THE SOURCE OF THE TROUBLE!
CAN YOU ELABORATE? TAKE ONE MINUTE!

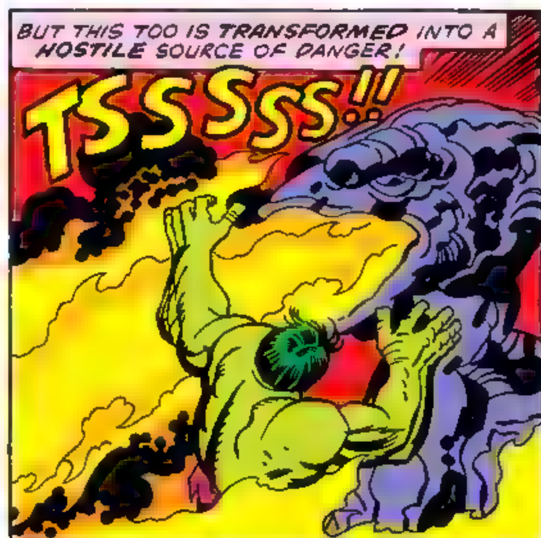

GIVE US A HALF MINUTE!
HOLY COW! H-HE'S LEVITATING!
KEEP THE CAMERA ON HIM, LESTER!
DON'T CROWD THE STREETS, HUMANS! IT'S TOO DANGEROUS!! STAY IN YOUR HOMES!


AND AT THAT MOMENT...
WHUM
THAT WASN'T BEETHOVEN'S NINTH! THE ACTION IS GROWING HOTTER!

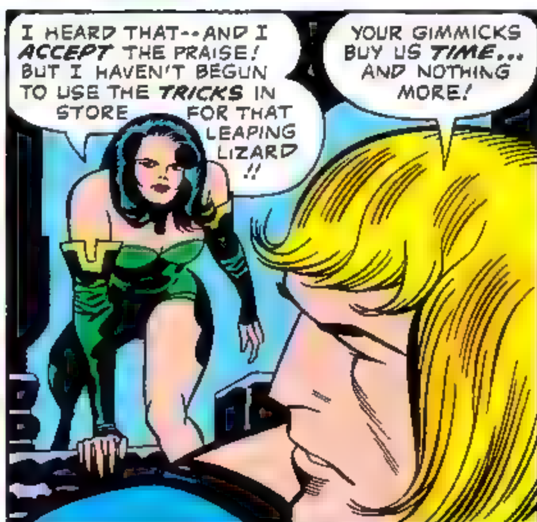

THE HULK IS IN FULL FLIGHT! THAT'S A CHANGE!

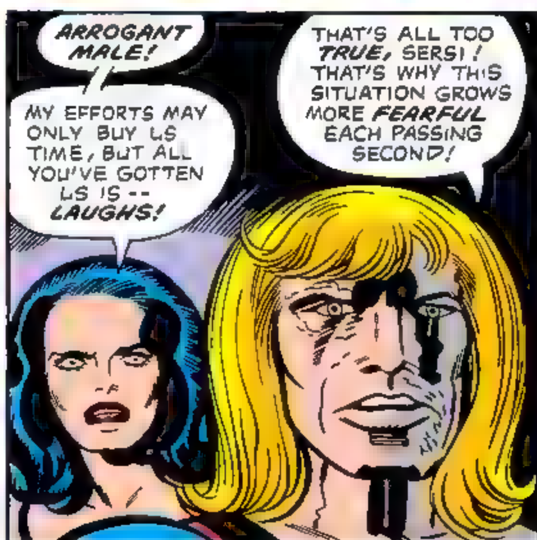

EXPLOSIONS! FIREBALLS!
SOMEONE'S GIVING THIS RUNAMUCK THE FULL TREATMENT!!


THE VERY MOLECULES OF THE AIR SEEM TO HAVE TURNED UPON THE GREEN GOLIATH! DRIVEN TO FRENZIED ANGER, HE SEIZES A BRICK CHIMNEY TO USE AS A WEAPON!
KKRAAK!

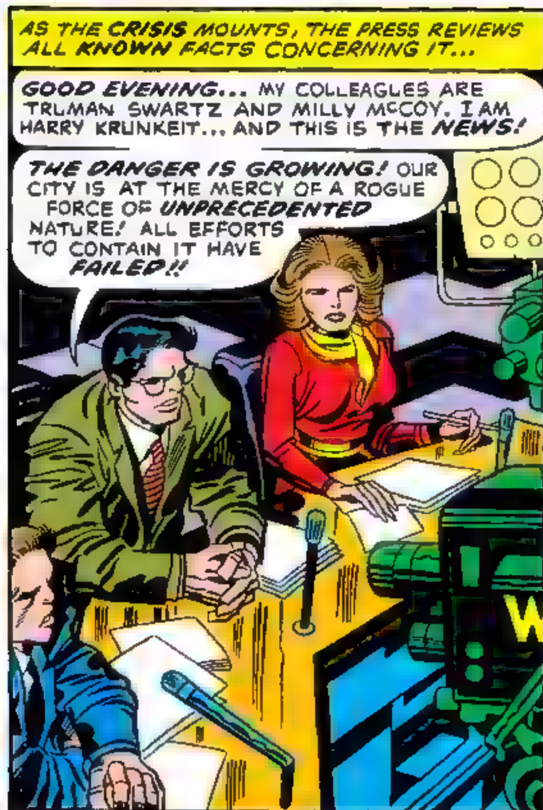

BUT THIS TOO IS TRANSFORMED INTO A HOSTILE SOURCE OF DANGER!
TSSSSS!!

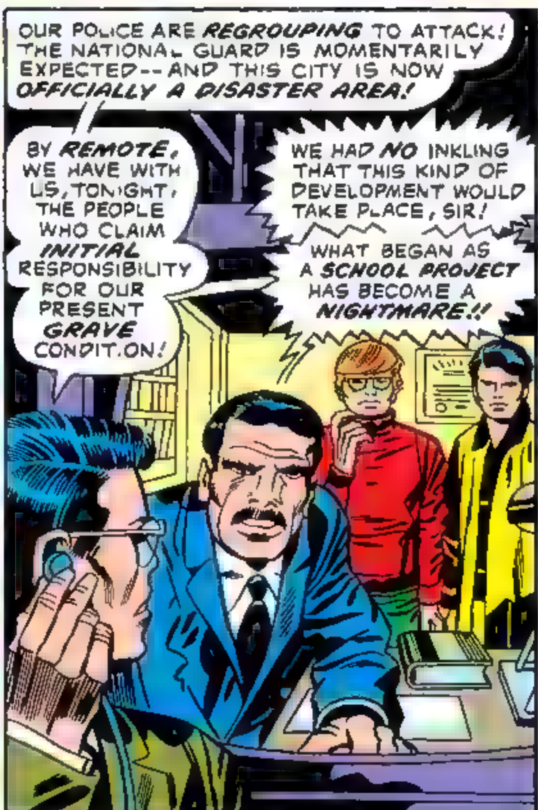

THESE QUICK-CHANGE ATTACKS ARE RATTLING OUR SEEMINGLY INVINCIBLE FOE!
GRAARR!!

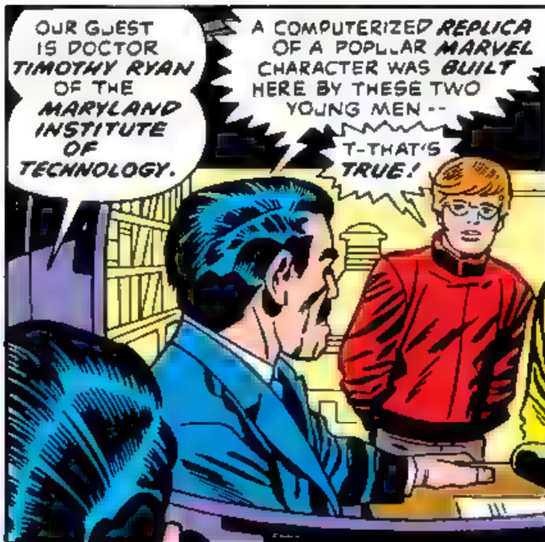
PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE MAY DO MORE FOR OUR SIDE THAN BRUTE FORCE!
BRAVO, SERSI!

I HEARD THAT--AND I ACCEPT THE PRAISE! BUT I HAVEN'T BEGUN TO USE THE TRICKS IN STORE FOR THAT LEAPING LIZARD!!
YOUR GIMMICKS BUY US TIME... AND NOTHING MORE!

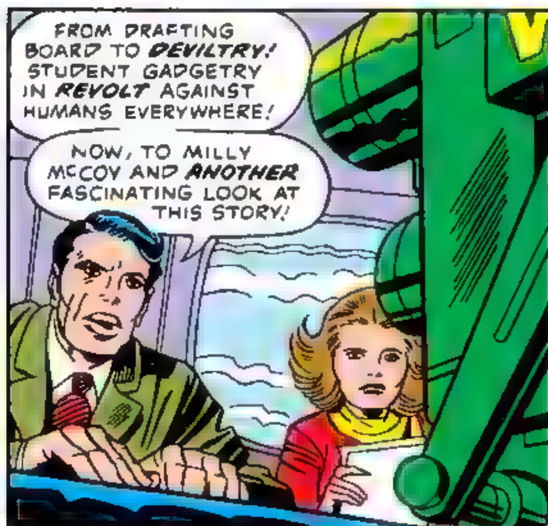
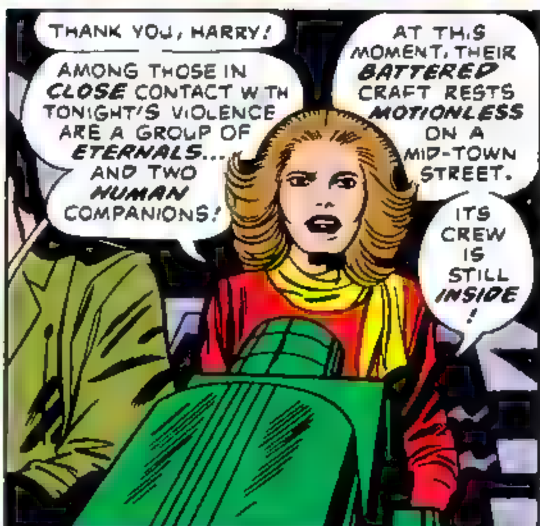
YOU'VE YET TO SEE THE REST OF THE BAG! MY NEXT TRICK WILL SEND HIM LEAPING TO THE MOON!
JUST WATCH!
I SAID NO, SERSI!

ARROGANT MALE!
MY EFFORTS MAY ONLY BUY US TIME, BUT ALL YOU'VE GOTTEN US IS -- LAUGHS!
THAT'S ALL TOO TRUE, SERSI! THAT'S WHY THIS SITUATION GROWS MORE FEARFUL EACH PASSING SECOND!

EVEN BOORS CAN ACQUIRE THE KNACK OF BEING RIGHT!
YES... AND HE'LL USE THEM! THE HAVOC WILL SPREAD IF THIS POWER GROWS STRONGER!
OH, IKARIS! WHAT WILL HAPPEN IF WE CAN'T STOP HIM!
I TELL YOU, SERSI, THAT THE SIGNS ARE NOT GOOD!
H-HE'S LIKE SOME UNKNOWN ORGANISM INFECTED WITH THE POWER OF THE GODS!
HE'LL SMASH THIS CITY TO RUBBLE BEFORE HIS POWERS FADE!



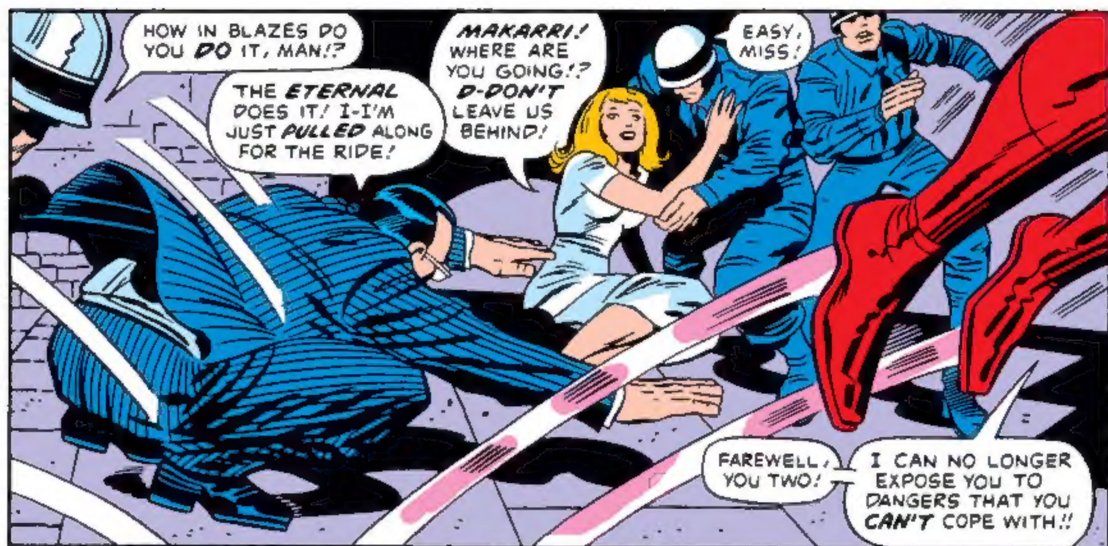



OUR GUEST IS DOCTOR TIMOTHY RYAN OF THE MARYLAND INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY.
A COMPUTERIZED REPLICA OF A POPULAR MARVEL CHARACTER WAS BUILT HERE BY THESE TWO YOUNG MEN --
T-THAT'S TRUE!

WE DID A GREAT JOB! IT MOVED AND BEHAVED JUST LIKE THE REAL HULK COMPLETELY UNDER OUR CONTROL!
THEN... SOMETHING HAPPENED... WHICH WE STILL CAN'T UNDERSTAND!
I-ITS CIRCUITRY CHANGED SOMEHOW! THE THING JUST RAN WILD!!

FROM DRAFTING BOARD TO DEVILTRY! STUDENT GADGETRY IN REVOLT AGAINST HUMANS EVERYWHERE!
NOW, TO MILLY McCOY AND ANOTHER FASCINATING LOOK AT THIS STORY!

THANK YOU, HARRY!
AMONG THOSE IN CLOSE CONTACT WITH TONIGHT'S VIOLENCE ARE A GROUP OF ETERNALS... AND TWO HUMAN COMPANIONS!
AT THIS MOMENT, THEIR BATTERED CRAFT RESTS MOTIONLESS ON A MID-TOWN STREET.
ITS CREW IS STILL INSIDE!

AS YOU CAN SEE, A DETAIL OF POLICE HAS ARRIVED TO FORCE AN ENTRANCE INTO THE WRECKED VEHICLE!
WE SHALL KNOW VERY SOON IF THE OCCUPANTS HAVE SUFFERED ANY INJURY... OR FATALITY!

SUDDENLY, AT THE SCENE--!
MAKE WAY FOR LEVITATORS, GOOD GUARDIANS! WE'VE SURVIVED A TRYING ORDEAL!
UGH!
L-LOOK AT THAT, WILL 'YA NOW!!

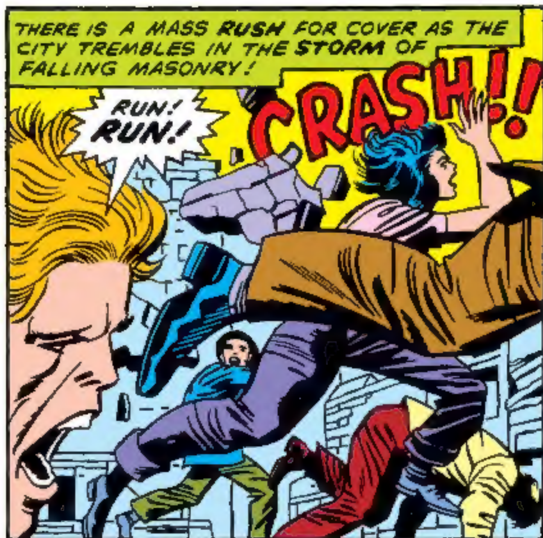

HOW IN BLAZES DO YOU DO IT, MAN!?
THE ETERNAL DOES IT! I-I'M JUST PULLED ALONG FOR THE RIDE!
MAKARRI! WHERE ARE YOU GOING!? D-DON'T LEAVE US BEHIND!
EASY, MISS!
FAREWELL, YOU TWO!
I CAN NO LONGER EXPOSE YOU TO DANGERS THAT YOU CAN'T COPE WITH!!


GOOD LUCK AND GOOD HUNTING, MAKARRI!
LORD KNOWS HOW THIS WILL END!
THESE ETERNALS CAN SURE TAKE PUNISHMENT! I SURE HOPE HE BEATS THE ODDS!
I-I FEEL SO HELP-LESS--BEING LEFT HERE--TO WAIT--!


AT THAT MOMENT...
WOOMMM!


THAT SHOCK MUST HAVE SHATTERED THE RICHTER SCALE!
A-ARE YOU HURT, MARGO?
I'LL LIVE... BUT I DON'T KNOW FOR HOW LONG--IF THIS KEEPS UP!

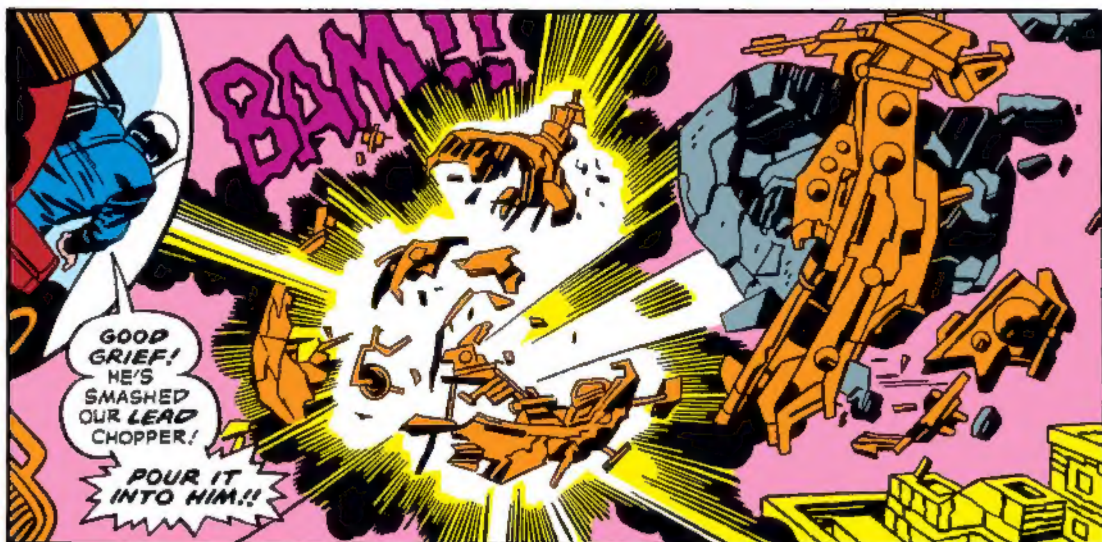

UP THERE! IT'S THE HULK!
CLEAR THIS AREA OF CIVILIANS!!
HE'S GROWN STRONGER--MORE SAVAGE!!
HE'S RAINING TONS OF DEBRIS UPON THE STREETS!


THERE IS A MASS RUSH FOR COVER AS THE CITY TREMBLES IN THE STORM OF FALLING MASONRY!
RUN! RUN!
CRASH!!!

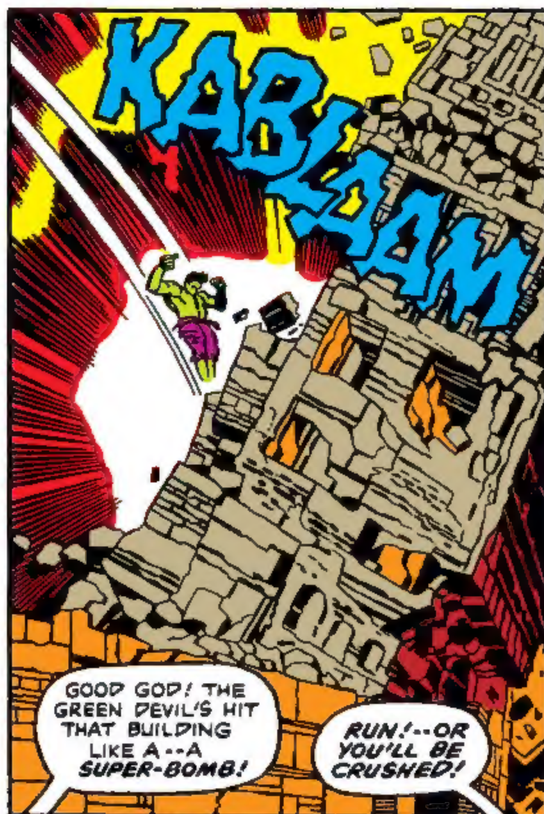
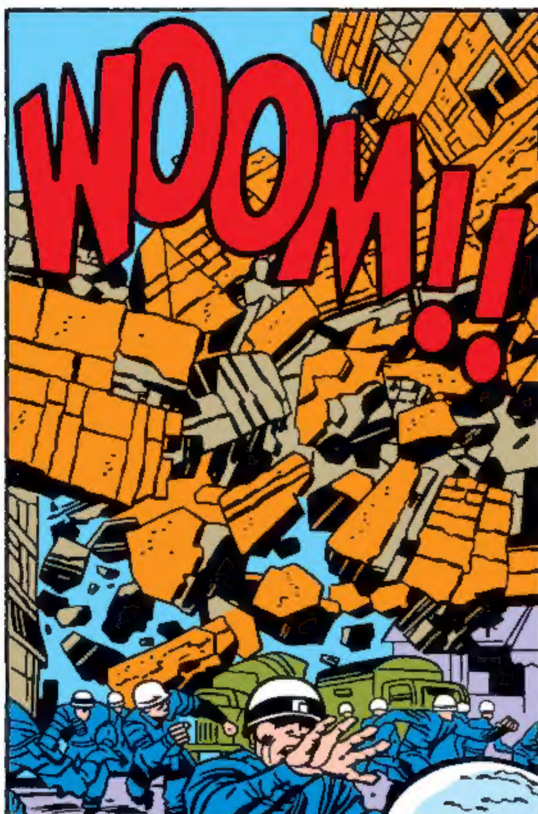

ON THE ROOF TOPS ABOVE, THE RAMPAGING CREATURE ROARS IN AWE-SOME, UNABATED FURY!

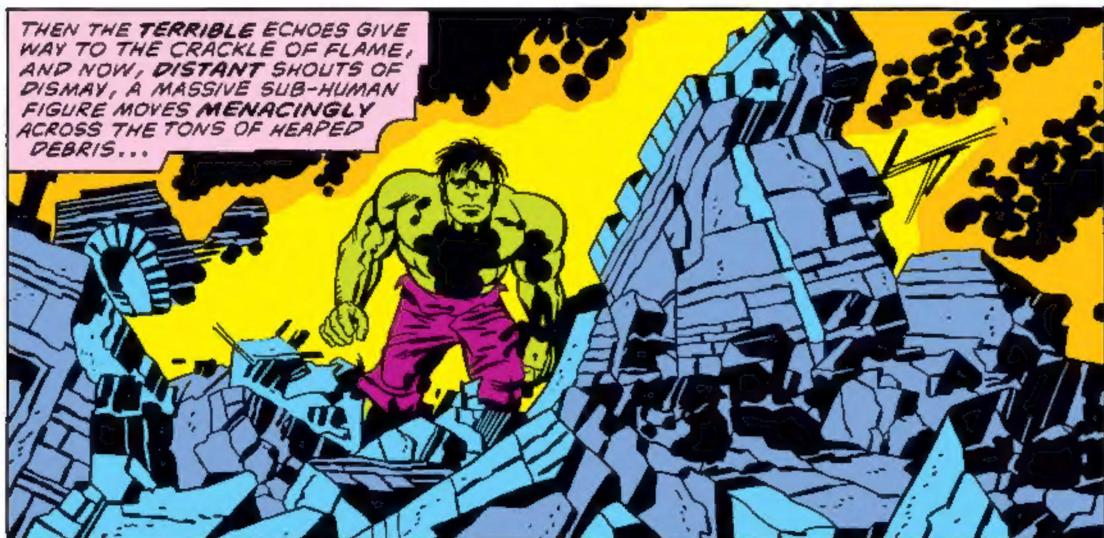

THEN, FROM THE DARK SKIES ABOVE...
POW POW POW POW POW POW

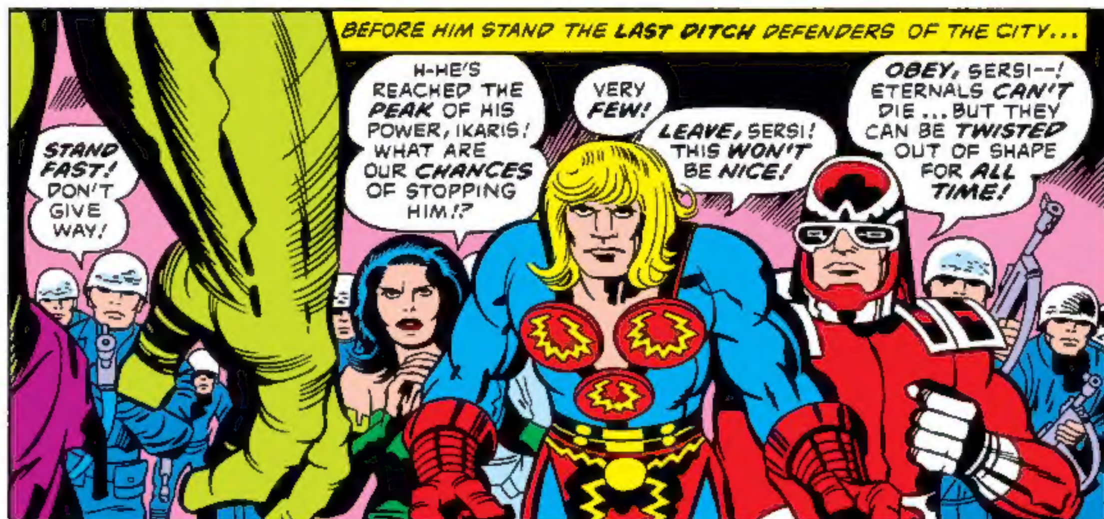

HELICOPTER GUNSHIPS CONVERGE ON THEIR TARGET!
LOOK OUT!! HE'S--!


BAM!!!
GOOD GRIEF! HE'S SMASHED OUR LEAD CHOPPER!
POUR IT INTO HIM!!


WE CAN'T REACH HIM !! THOSE FLAMES ARE EVERYWHERE!
THE GROUND FORCES WILL HAVE TO TAKE IT FROM HERE!
PREPARE TO OPEN FIRE!
NATIONAL GUARD ARTILLERY

SUDDENLY, THE COSMIC BEHEMOTH LEAPS OUTWARD!
WE CAN'T ZERO IN ON HIM! HE'S JUMPING OUT OF RANGE!
LOOK OUT! HE'S UP TO SOMETHING!

KABLAAM
GOOD GOD! THE GREEN DEVIL'S HIT THAT BUILDING LIKE A--A SUPER-BOMB!
RUN!--OR YOU'LL BE CRUSHED!

WOOM!!









GREAT ZURAS!! IT'S

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AND THE

BIG CITY CRYPT

IN THE NEXT EXCITING ISSUE! GET IT!!